



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Nykoluk et. al.

Appln. No. 09/990,076

Filed: November 21, 2001

For: PIVOTAL HANDLE FOR TOWABLE
BAGGAGE

Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Tri M. Mai

Docket No.: 26/1145US(1)

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Amendment and Response

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In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and submit the following remarks and amendments.

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Remarks: Begin on page 9

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